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1. DEPT FEELS STRONGLY THAT JEC IS PROPER UMBRELLA UNDER WHICH SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISERS PROJECT SHOULD PROCEED BUT BECAUSE ADVISERS ARE READY TO DEPART ON SHORT NOTICE AFTER RECEIPT OF WRITTEN SAG ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL WE WILL NOT DELAY PROJECT BY INSISTING THAT SAG CHANNEL REQUEST THROUGH JEC AT PRESENT. IF ASSISTANCE BEYOND DURATION OF PRESENT PROPOSAL IS REQUESTED, HOWEVER, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT NORMAL PROJECT APPROVAL PROCEDURES WOULD BE FOLLOWED. REQUEST THAT EMBASSY FORWARD THE FOLLOWING PROJECT DESCRIPTION (PARAS 2-4) TO IBRAHIM AL-ZAID, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SAUDI GENERAL ORGANIZATION FOR SOCIAL INSURANCE (GOSI) TOGETHER WITH REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF TEAM EXPENDITURES STATED BELOW.
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2. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST BY GOSI FOR RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR MR. SIDNEY NIBALI AND TEAM, US SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA) SUBMITS FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:

3. UPON RECEIPT BY EMBASSY OF WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM GOSI OF SCHEDULING AND AGREEMENT TO REIMBURSE PROJECT COSTS, A THREE MAN TEAM IS PREPARED TO LEAVE FOR RIYADH ON APPROXIMATELY OCT 28 TO AID GOSI DURING THE FOLLOWING YEAR IN THE GENERAL AREA OF ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING. COMPOSITION OF TEAM IS (A) TEAM LEADER SIDNEY NIBALI (RETIRED SSA EMPLOYEE ON CONTRACT) TO STAY IN RIYADH FOR SIX MONTHS; (B) COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST FREDERICK BOWERS (SSA EMPLOYEE) TO STAY IN RIYADH FOR ONE YEAR; (C) SOCIAL INSURANCE SPECIALIST DONALD E. ROBERTS (SSA EMPLOYEE), FOR ONE YEAR.

4. TOTAL COST FOR PROJECT WILL BE DOLS 158,000. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES SALARIES AND BENEFITS, TRAVEL EXPENSES AND PER DIEM ALLOTMENT FOR THREE MAN TEAM. IF GOSI CAN PROVIDE TEAM HOUSING, THIS FIGURE CAN BE LOWERED BY REDUCING PER DIEM ESTIMATES. FUNDS SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IN CHECK PAYABLE TO SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. IF PREFERRED, GOSI MAY PROVIDE TWO-THIRDS OF FUNDS NOW WITH REMAINDER AT PROJECT MID-POINT.

5. SSA DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT CHECK BE IN EMBASSY'S HANDS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF ADVISERS; IT WILL BE SUFFICIENT IF LETTER OF APPROVAL FROM AL-ZAID STATES THAT FUNDS WILL BE FORTHCOMING. SIMILARLY, WHILE TEAM MEMBERS ARE UNDER IMPRESSION THAT GOSI INTENDS TO PROVIDE FURNISHED HOUSING WHEN POSSIBLE, TEAM IS PREPARED TO RESIDE IN HOTEL UNTIL HOUSING BECOMES AVAILABLE AND WOULD NOT DELAY DEPARTURE ON THIS ACCOUNT. REQUEST THAT GOSI INSURE THAT RESERVATIONS ARE MADE ONCE ARRIVAL DATES CONFIRMED. INGERSOLL

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